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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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DETAILED ACTION

Withdrawal of Finality

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Applicant/Arguments/Remarks , filed 5/26/2006, with respect to claims 3, 4 and 5 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 3, 4 and 5 has been withdrawn.

3. Applicant's arguments filed 5/26/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding claims 10 and 19, Applicant stated Bellesfield et al. fails to disclose a database storing location specific data associated with a selected medication. It is old and well known in the art that location specific data associated with the selected medicine can be stored with in a database. A pharmacy, hospital, drug store etc. (i.e. place of interest) name and location can be stored in the data base as taught by Alexander et al. in Col. 3 lines 25-34. This would allow a user to look up a specific pharmacy associated with the medicine of interest in order to fill a prescription, pick up medicine etc. Therefore the deficiencies of claims 10 and 19 in which Bellesfield et al. represent stand rejected under Bellesfield et al. (US 6282489 B1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-7, 13-16, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 6179202 B1).

Regarding claims 1 and 23 Tung et al. discloses a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet (2), the sheet having an obverse face (Fig. 1A-B) and a reverse face (Fig. 2A-B), the obverse face of the sheet including a first area (4A) and a second area (6A); a pair of peel-off labels (60), the reverse face of the sheet (Fig 2A-B) including a first area (4B) opposite the first area of the first side (Col 7 lines 9-11).

Tung et al. does not disclose a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet, the first area of the obverse face including a pair of peel-off labels; a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet; a database, the database including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of medications; and a controller, the controller operatively connecting the printer and the

database, the controller arranges to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer to thereby cause the printer to print patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face and wherein the sheet is adapted to fold along a pair of fold lines that divide the sheet into a first, second and third sections, and wherein the first and second area of the obverse face are disposed on the same section.

Yuyama et al. discloses a printer (10), the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet (Fig 1 and Fig 2); a database (14) including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of medications (Col. 4 lines 18- 27; Col 6 lines 16-19, lines 24-27; Col 16 lines 5-13); a controller 13, the controller operatively connected to the printer and the database, the controller arranged to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer (10) to thereby cause the printer to print the patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face (Fig. 2; Col 4 lines 13-17 Col 15 line 31- Col 16 line 2).

Alexander et al. discloses a system for supplying pharmacy labels comprising a sheet, the first area (21) of the obverse face (Fig 1) including a pair of peel-off labels (21 and 31) (Fig. 1); a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet (Col. 1 lines 29-31) and wherein the sheet is adapted to fold along a pair of fold lines (13 and 15) that divide the

sheet into a first, second and third sections (17, 12 and "*Note: If only a Return Receipt was purchased...*") (Fig. 1), and wherein the first and second area (21 and 31) of the obverse face are disposed on the same section (12). (Fig. 1; Col 3 lines 20-21,36-37).

Tung et al., Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. are combinable because they all incorporate a printing.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have a printing apparatus that allows medication instructional sentences or the like to be printed in detail and in appropriate expressions responsive to differences among disease names, drugs, and patients, as divulged by Yuyama in Col. 1 lines 35-40, and to have the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet as divulged in Col. 1 lines 29-31 by Alexander et al.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. to obtain the invention as specified in claims 1 and 23.

Regarding claims 2, and 14 Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al and Alexander et al, does not disclose the system including a user interface operatively connected to the controller, the user interface enabling the user to input the selected patient and the selected medication.

Yuyama et al. discloses the system including a user interface operatively connected to the controller, the user interface enabling the user to input the selected patient and the selected medication (Col 7 lines 4-10).

Tung et al., Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. are combinable because they all incorporate a pharmaceutical marketing device and system.

Tung et al., Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. are combinable because they all incorporate a pharmaceutical marketing device and system.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have the system including a user interface operatively connected to the controller, the user interface enabling the user to input the selected patient and the selected medication as divulged by Yuyama et al. in Col 7 lines 4-10.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. to obtain the invention as specified in claims 2 and 14.

Regarding claims 6 and 16, Tung et al. discloses the system as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. wherein the sheet comprises a standardized form, at least a portion of the form containing preprinted information, the preprinted information being non-patient specific and non-vendor specific (Fig. 1A and 1B).

Regarding claim 7, Tung et al. discloses the system as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is in landscape format (Fig 1A item 18; Fig 1B item 42).

Regarding claims 13 and 24 Tung et al. discloses a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet, the sheet having an obverse face (Fig. 1A

and 1B) and a reverse face (Fig. 2A and 2B), the obverse face of the sheet including a first area (4A) and a second area (6A), a pair of pull-off labels (60) removably disposed on a backing surface, the reverse face (Fig. 2A and 2B) of the sheet including a first area (4B) opposite the first area of the first side (4A) (Col 7 lines 9-11).

Tung et al. does not disclose a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet, the first area of the obverse including a pair of pull-off labels removably disposed on a backing surface, at least a portion of the first area of the reverse face formed by a reverse face of the backing surface; a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet; a database, the database including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of medications; and a controller, the controller operatively connecting the printer and the database, the controller arranges to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer to thereby cause the printer to print patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face and wherein the sheet is adapted to fold along a pair of fold lines that divide the sheet into a first, second and third sections, and wherein the first and second area of the obverse face are disposed on the same section.

Yuyama et al. discloses a printer (10), the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet (Fig 1 and Fig 2); a database (14) including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of medications (Col. 4

lines 18- 27; Col 6 lines 16-19, lines24-27; Col 16 lines 5-13); a controller 13, the controller operatively connected to the printer and the database, the controller arranged to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer (10) to thereby cause the printer to print the patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face (Fig. 2; Col 4 lines 13-17 Col 15 line 31- Col 16 line 2).

Alexander et al. discloses a system for supplying pharmacy labels comprising a sheet, the first area (21) of the obverse face (Fig 1) including a pair of peel-off labels (21 and 31) (Fig. 1); at least a portion of the first area of the reverse face formed by the reverse face of the backing surface (Fig. 1, 2) a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet (Col. 1 lines 29-31) and wherein the sheet is adapted to fold along a pair of fold lines (13 and 15) that divide the sheet into a first, second and third sections (17, 12 and *"Note: If only a Return Receipt was purchased..."*) (Fig. 1), and wherein the first and second area (21 and 31) of the obverse face are disposed on the same section (12). (Fig. 1; Col 3 lines 20-21,36-37).

Tung et al., Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. are combinable because they all incorporate a printing.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have a printing apparatus that allows medication instructional sentences or the like to be printed in detail and in appropriate expressions responsive to differences among disease names, drugs, and patients, as divulged by Yuyama in Col. 1 lines 35-40, and to have the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet as divulged in Col. 1 lines 29-31 by Alexander et al.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al. with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al. to obtain the invention as specified in claims 13 and 24.

6. Claims 8 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 5435600) and Alexander et al. (US 6179202 B1).

Regarding claims 8 and 17 Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., does not disclose a system, wherein the patient specific data and the medication specific data are printed in landscape format on one of the faces and in portrait format on the other of the faces.

Richardson et al. discloses a system wherein the patient specific data and the medication specific data are printed in landscape format on one of the faces and in portrait format on the other of the faces (Fig 1 and 2).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., and Richardson et al. are combinable because they all incorporate a printing on a sheet.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with Richardson et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have the patient specific data and the medication specific data printed in landscape format on one of the faces and in portrait format on the other of the faces as shown by Richardson et al. in Fig 1 and 2.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with Richardson et al. to obtain the invention specified in claims 8 and 17.

7. Claims 10 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 6179202 B1) and Bellesfield et al. (US 6282489 B1).

Regarding claims 10 and 19 23 Tung et al. discloses a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet (2), the sheet having an obverse face (Fig. 1A-B) and a reverse face (Fig. 2A-B), the reverse face of the sheet (Fig 2A-B) including a first area (4B) opposite the first area of the first side (Col 7 lines 9-11).

Tung et al. does not disclose a system for supplying duplex pharmacy labels comprising: a sheet, the first area of the obverse face including a pair of peel-off labels; a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet; a database, the database including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of

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medications; and a controller, the controller operatively connecting the printer and the database, the controller arranges to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer to thereby cause the printer to print patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face; the database including location-specific data associated with the selected medication for a plurality of store locations, the controller arranged to forward location-specific data associated with the selected medication for a selected store location to the printer to thereby cause the printer to print the location-specific data for the selected store location on at least one of the obverse and the reverse face.

Yuyama et al. discloses a printer (10), the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet (Fig 1 and Fig 2); a database (14) including patient specific data for a plurality of patients and medication specific data for a plurality of medications (Col. 4 lines 18- 27; Col 6 lines 16-19, lines 24-27; Col 16 lines 5-13); a controller 13, the controller operatively connected to the printer and the database, the controller arranged to forward patient specific data for a selected patient and medication specific data for a selected medication to the printer (10) to thereby cause the printer to print the patient specific data for the selected patient and medication specific data for the selected medication on the first area of the obverse face and on the first area of the reverse face (Fig. 2; Col 4 lines 13-17 Col 15 line 31- Col 16 line 2).

Alexander et al. discloses a system for supplying pharmacy labels comprising a sheet, the first area (21) of the obverse face (Fig 1) including a pair of peel-off labels (21

and 31) (Fig. 1); a printer, the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet (Col. 1 lines 29-31).

Bellesfield et al. discloses the system, the database (34) including location-specific data associated with the selected medication for a plurality of store locations, the controller (10) arranged to forward location-specific data for a selected store location to the printer (22) to thereby cause the printer (22) to print the location-specific data associated with the selected medication for the selected store location on at least one of the obverse and the reverse face (Col 3 lines 25-34; Col 10 lines 1-3).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al., Alexander et al., and Bellesfield et al. are combinable because they all incorporate printing on a sheet.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., with Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with Bellesfield et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have a printing apparatus that allows medication instructional sentences or the like to be printed in detail and in appropriate expressions responsive to differences among disease names, drugs, and patients, as divulged by Yuyama in Col. 1 lines 35-40, and to have the printer having an input arranged to receive the sheet, the printer further arranged to print on both faces of the sheet as divulged in Col. 1 lines 29-31 by Alexander et al. and an apparatus and method for displaying a travel route between departure point and a destination point as divulged by Bellesfield et al. in Col 1 lines 2-5

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al, as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with Bellesfield et al. to obtain the invention specified in claims 10 and 19.

8. Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 5435600) and Lourette et al (US 6515760 B1).

Regarding claims 9 and 18 Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., does not disclose the system wherein at least a portion of the medication specific data on the reverse face is printed in landscape format and extends across the first area of the reverse face and at least a portion of the second area of the reverse face.

Lourette et al. discloses the system, wherein at least a portion of the medication specific data on the reverse face is printed in landscape format and extends across the first area of the reverse face and at least a portion of the second area of the reverse face (Fig 5a-d).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., and Lourette et al. are combinable because they all incorporate printing on a sheet.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with Lourette et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have at least a portion of the medication specific data on the reverse face is printed in landscape format and extends across the first area of the reverse face and at least a portion of the second area of the reverse face as divulged by Lourette et al in Fig 5A-d.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al., as modified by of Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al, with Lourette et al. to obtain the invention specified in claims 9 and 18.

9. Claims 11, 20, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 5435600) and McJohnson (US 4024511).

Regarding claims 11, 20, and 26 Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., does not disclose the system wherein the database includes a message data comprising a plurality of messages, the controller arranged to forward a selected message to the printer the thereby cause the printer to print the selected message on at least one of the obverse face and the reverse face.

McJohnson discloses the system wherein the database includes a message data comprising a plurality of messages, the controller (400) arranged to forward a selected message to the printer the thereby cause the printer to print the selected message on at least one of the obverse face and the reverse face (Col. 4 lines 45-50).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., and McJohnson are combinable because they both incorporate printing on a sheet.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with McJohnson.

The motivation for doing so would be to have the system wherein the database includes a message data comprising a plurality of messages, the controller (400) arranged to forward a selected message to the printer thereby cause the printer to print the selected message on at least one of the obverse face and the reverse face as divulged by McJohnson in Col. 4 lines 45-50.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., with McJohnson to obtain the invention specified in claims 11, 20 and 26.

10. Claims 12, 21 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 5435600), McJohnson (US 4024511) and Whitehouse (US 5319562).

Regarding claims 12, 20, and 27 Tung, as modified by Yuyama et al. Alexander et al. and McJohnson, does not disclose the system wherein the message data comprises a plurality of message levels, the message levels including a default level, a date-specific level, a geographic-specific level, and a store-specific level.

Whitehouse discloses the system wherein the message data comprises a plurality of message levels, the message levels including a default level, a date-specific level, a geographic-specific level, and a store-specific level (Col. 9 lines 34-41).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al., Alexander et al., McJohnson and Whitehouse are combinable because they both incorporate printing on a sheet.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. Alexander et al. and McJohnson, with Whitehouse.

The motivation for doing so would be to have the system wherein the message data comprises a plurality of message levels, the message levels including a default level, a date-specific level, a geographic-specific level, and a store-specific level as divulged by Whitehouse in Col. 9 lines 34-41.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al., Alexander et al. and McJohnson, with Whitehouse et al. to obtain the invention specified in claims 12, 21, and 27.

11. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tung et al. (US 5803498) in view of Yuyama et al. (US 5839836) and further in view of Alexander et al. (US 5435600), McJohnson (US 4024511) and Johnson et al. (US 5673252).

Regarding claim 22 Tung, as modified by Yuyama et al., Alexander et al. and

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McJohnson, does not disclose the system wherein the plurality of message levels are prioritized.

Johnson et al. discloses the system wherein the plurality of message levels are prioritized (Col. 61 lines 34-36).

Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., McJohnson and Johnson et al. are combinable because they both incorporate a method for communicating data.

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for one skilled in the art to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al., McJohnson and Johnson et al.

The motivation for doing so would be to have the system wherein the plurality of message levels are prioritized as divulged by Johnson et al. in Col. 61 lines 34-36.

Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Tung et al., as modified by Yuyama et al. and Alexander et al, McJohnson and Johnson et al. to obtain the invention specified in claim 22.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hodsdon et al. (US 20020086127 A1 discloses a Label sheet construction and Method.


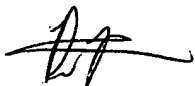
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